

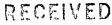
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The elevated gold and silver results are important positive exploration indicators in addition to their economic importance. Photos of Spur Road mineralization are available on Messina's website http://www.messinaminerals.com/s/Boomerang.asp. The Spur Road showing is located 3 kilometers south of the Boomerang/Domino zinc discoveries and 3 kilometers southwest along strike from the Curve Pond showing.

A second discovery of outcropping pyritic massive sulphide associated with magnetite-chlorite iron formation has been exposed by hand trenching over a 6 meter length. This exposure is located 500 meters southwest along strike from the Curve Pond showing and 2.5 kilometers northeast from the Spur Road showing.

Mapping has identified iron formation over a 10 kilometer length. The specific types of oxide and silicate iron formation found include chert (especially at Spur Road showing), black chlorite-iron carbonate sediment, magnetite-chlorite sediment, and massive hematitic sediment in addition to massive sulphide.

Geologically the environment is interpreted to be closely similar to that in the Bathurst mining camp, New Brunswick where all of the specific types of iron formation identified by Messina are spatially associated with the largest massive sulphide deposits in the camp including Brunswick 12 (120+ million tonnes) and Brunswick 6 (12+ million tonnes).

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### On behalf of the Board of Messina Minerals Inc.

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# MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT UNDER SECTION 118(1) OF THE ALBERTA SECURITIES ACT

Item 1. Reporting Issuer

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Item 2. <u>Date of Material Change</u>

September 18, 2006

Item 3. Press Release

Messina Minerals Inc. (the "Issuer") issued a press release on September 18, 2006 through the facilities of

CCN Matthews via Canadian Timely Disclosure Network.

Item 4. Summary of Material Change

See attached news release.

Item 5. Full Description of Material Change

See attached news release.

Item 6. Reliance on Section 85(2) of the British Columbia Securities Act &

Reliance on Section 118(2) of the Alberta Securities Act

This report is not being filed on a confidential basis.

Item 7. Omitted Information

There are no significant facts required to be disclosed herein which have been omitted.

Item 8. <u>Senior Officers</u>

To obtain further information contact the President and Director, Peter Tallman at 604-688-1508.

Item 9. Statement of Senior Officer

The foregoing accurately discloses the material changes referred to herein.

**DATED** this 18th day of September, 2006.

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